

**Calendar No. 357**110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 1182****[Report No. 110–159]**

To amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

APRIL 20, 2007

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Quinebaug and  
3 Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor  
4 Amendments Act of 2007”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds that—

7 (1) thousands of individuals, hundreds of non-  
8 profit organizations, businesses, and local and re-  
9 gional organizations, 35 towns, and 2 States have  
10 worked to preserve and enhance the significant nat-  
11 ural, historic, cultural, and scenic resources of the  
12 Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National  
13 Heritage Corridor, an area which is commonly  
14 known as “The Last Green Valley”;

15 (2) the Green Valley Institute, a partnership  
16 between the University of Connecticut and the coop-  
17 erative extension system of the University of Massa-  
18 chusetts, has significantly improved the information  
19 base available to the primarily volunteer municipal  
20 officers that are responsible for making land use and  
21 natural resource conservation decisions with respect  
22 to The Last Green Valley;

23 (3) during the 5 years preceding the date of en-  
24 actment of this Act, the Green Valley Institute was  
25 recognized with a total of 8 State or national awards  
26 for public education;

1           (4) significant historic structures have been  
2 identified and restored under the programs carried  
3 out in the Heritage Corridor;

4           (5) museums, attractions, landscapes, and busi-  
5 nesses in the Heritage Corridor have been assembled  
6 into cohesive interpretive projects that tell the sto-  
7 ries of The Last Green Valley for residents and  
8 tourists;

9           (6) as part of the vision to sustain the tradi-  
10 tional land-based economy of the region, the Herit-  
11 age Corridor has—

12                 (A) developed agritourism and continuing  
13 education programs for the region; and

14                 (B) collected and analyzed data relating to  
15 the vision;

16           (7) recreational tourism has been enhanced by  
17 the many trails, greenways, river access, and inter-  
18 pretive projects in the Heritage Corridor;

19           (8) each of the 35 municipal governments with-  
20 in the Heritage Corridor has signed a voluntary and  
21 nonbinding community compact in which govern-  
22 ments—

23                 (A) accept the goals and objectives of the  
24 management plan for the Heritage Corridor;  
25 and

1           (B) formalize the commitment of the gov-  
 2           ernments to balance conservation and growth  
 3           and the collective vision of the governments for  
 4           the watershed;

5           (9) during the past 11 years the Heritage Cor-  
 6           ridor has consistently leveraged an average of \$19  
 7           for every Federal dollar invested in the Heritage  
 8           Corridor;

9           (10) the Heritage Corridor has adopted, and is  
 10          implementing, a comprehensive plan, entitled “The  
 11          Trail to 2015, A Sustainability Plan for The Last  
 12          Green Valley”, to become self-sufficient by the year  
 13          2015; and

14          (11) reauthorizing the Heritage Corridor would  
 15          leverage significant multiyear commitments and en-  
 16          sure self-sufficiency by 2015 for the programs and  
 17          projects that are fulfilling the mission of the Herit-  
 18          age Corridor.

19 **SEC. 3. QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NA-**  
 20 **TIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.**

21          (a) **TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**—Section 106(b)  
 22          of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National  
 23          Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Pub-  
 24          lic Law 103–449) is amended by striking “September 30,  
 25          2009” and inserting “September 30, 2015”.

1       (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section  
 2 109(a) of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley Na-  
 3 tional Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note;  
 4 Public Law 103-449) is amended by striking  
 5 “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$15,000,000”.

6 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

7       *This Act may be cited as the “Quinebaug and*  
 8 *Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor*  
 9 *Amendments Act of 2007”.*

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 13 *the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Herit-*  
 14 *age Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law*  
 15 *103-449) is amended by striking “September 30, 2009” and*  
 16 *inserting “September 30, 2015”.*

17       (b) **EVALUATION; REPORT.**—Section 106 of the  
 18 *Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage*  
 19 *Corridor Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 103-*  
 20 *449) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

21       “(c) **EVALUATION; REPORT.**—

22               “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 3 years before  
 23 *the date on which authority for Federal funding ter-*  
 24 *minates for the Corridor, the Secretary shall—*

1           “(A) conduct an evaluation of the accom-  
2           plishments of the Corridor; and

3           “(B) prepare a report in accordance with  
4           paragraph (3).

5           “(2) *EVALUATION.*—An evaluation conducted  
6           under paragraph (1)(A) shall—

7           “(A) assess the progress of the management  
8           entity with respect to—

9           “(i) accomplishing the purposes of this  
10          title for the Corridor; and

11          “(ii) achieving the goals and objectives  
12          of the management plan for the Corridor;

13          “(B) analyze the Federal, State, local, and  
14          private investments in the Corridor to determine  
15          the leverage and impact of the investments; and

16          “(C) review the management structure,  
17          partnership relationships, and funding of the  
18          Corridor for purposes of identifying the critical  
19          components for sustainability of the Corridor.

20          “(3) *REPORT.*—

21          “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—Based on the evalua-  
22          tion conducted under paragraph (1)(A), the Sec-  
23          retary shall prepare a report that includes rec-  
24          ommendations for the future role of the National

1        *Park Service, if any, with respect to the Cor-*  
 2        *ridor.*

3                “(B) *REQUIRED ANALYSIS.*—*If the report*  
 4        *prepared under subparagraph (A) recommends*  
 5        *that Federal funding for the Corridor be reau-*  
 6        *thorized, the report shall include an analysis*  
 7        *of—*

8                        “(i) *ways in which Federal funding for*  
 9                        *the Corridor may be reduced or eliminated;*  
 10                      *and*

11                      “(ii) *the appropriate time period nec-*  
 12                      *essary to achieve the recommended reduc-*  
 13                      *tion or elimination.*

14                “(C) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.*—*On com-*  
 15        *pletion of the report, the Secretary shall submit*  
 16        *the report to—*

17                      “(i) *the Committee on Energy and*  
 18                      *Natural Resources of the Senate; and*

19                      “(ii) *the Committee on Natural Re-*  
 20                      *sources of the House of Representatives.”.*

21        (c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*Section*  
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